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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, there is no necessity now for that kind of approach. The real approach is about the examination and the feasibility and how and where to draw water. That is being looked into now.

Cooum river

* 412 Q.—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether any research was conducted at the Irrigation Research Station to open the Cooum river into the sea; and

(b) if so, what the conclusions are?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a result of experiments conducted, it is considered that pilot studies at the site have to be conducted before coming to a final decision in the matter. But the pilot studies at the site has not been conducted so far and hence, no decision on this proposal has yet been arrived at. In the meanwhile another proposal has been formulated by the Superintending Engineer, Madras Circle, for keeping the Cooum bar permanently open. The remarks of the Port Trust Engineer have been called for on the proposal. The Chief Engineer has promised a further report after getting the opinion of the Port Trust Engineer. This further report is awaited.

MR. SPEAKER : அடுத்த கேள்வியையும் எடுத்துக் கொள்ளலாம். கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் 413-வது கேள்விக்குக் கூட பதில் சொல்ல வேண்டும் என்று கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

* 413 Q.—SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to use the portion of the Buckingham Canal and that of the Cooum river in the City of Madras as waterways and means of transport of passengers; and

(b) whether any Committee of Technical experts has been appointed to go into this question?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have constituted a High Power Technical Committee to formulate among other things, a scheme for the development of Cooum as a clean and tidal river and the improvement of Buckingham Canal to serve as an addition to the cheap transportation facilities within the Madras City.

SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : சார், இந்த ஆராய்ச்சியின் பலன் எந்தத் தேதியில் அவர்கள் சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரிவித்தார்கள் ? ஒரு முடிவு எடுக்க இவ்வளவு காலம் தாமதம் என் ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : நான் பதிலிலேயே சொன்னேன் இப்பொழுதுதான் பரிசீலனை நடக்கிறது, முடிவு எடுக்கவில்லை என்று.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : இந்தக் கூவத்தின் காரணமாக துர்நாற்றம் அதிகபபட்டுக் கொண்டிருக்கிறது. அதைத் தற்காலிகமாகப் போக்குவதற்காவது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க அரசாங்கம் உத்தேசித்திருக்கிறதா ?